



Newark Weather Report: **Gale Storm predicted** for the **20th Annual** Friends of Old Time Radio Convention Oct. 19-21, 1995 Holiday Inn North · Newark, NJ

Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or tentative acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast Guests

Ivan Cury – Bobby Benson
Ray Erlenborn – (Sound effects artist)
Bob Hastings – Archie Andrews
Paul Masterson (Announcer)
Gale Storm – My Little Margie
Gil Stratton, Jr. – My Little Margie
Dick Van Patten – Aldrich Family, Duffy's Tavern
Peggy Webber – Dragnet, Pete Kelly's Blues

New East Coast Guests

Eugene Clark – (Engineer for Mutual)
Ed Jordan – (Announcer)
Mary Jane Mastapeter – (Casting)

Returnees

Arthur Anderson – Let's Pretend, Hotel For Pets
George Ansbro – (Announcer) ABC
Barney Beck – (Sound effects artist)
Jackson Beck – (Announcer) Superman, Mark Trail
Lon Clark – Nick Carter
Bob Dryden – Superman, ILAM
Win Elliot – (MC) Quick as a Flash
Fred Foy – (Announcer) The Lone Ranger, Sgt. Preston of the Yukon
Earl George – Captain Midnight, Doc Savage
Ed Herlihy – (Kraft Spokesman)
Raymond Edward Johnson – Inner Sanctum
Ruth Last – Let's Pretend, Quiet Please
Abby Lewis – House in the Country, Road of Life
Ted Mallie – (Announcer for Mutual including The Shadow)
Bill Owen – (Announcer for Mutual)
Clive Rice – Bobby Benson

Rosemary Rice – Archie Andrews
Adele Ronson – Buck Rogers, John's Other Wife
Terry Ross – Sound effects artist
Whit Vernon – Lone Ranger
Frances von Bernhardt – (Casting Director)
Betty Wragge – Pepper Young's Family

Events

The following events are tentatively scheduled. Time will be announced at convention.

Wednesday

Wine and Cheese for overnight guests and committee: 6 – 10 pm

Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 9 am – 5 pm
Radio to Screen (Bob Madison)
TV to Radio (Jack French)
OTR and the Computer (Bob Burnham)
Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:00
The winning original drama of 1994, "The Whistler" will be presented. Written by Michael Giorgio
Program presented by Bela Lugosi, Jr. and Sara Karloff

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Jack French presents Tribute to Mutual with Clive Rice, Gene Clark, Ivan Cury, Barney Beck, Ed Jordan, others
Amos 'n' Andy (Harmless entertainment of harmful stereotyping) (Gary Yoggy, Joel Senter, Mitchell Weisberg)
Celebrity's Wives (Meridy Erlenborn and others)
Gotham Radio Players present The Lights Out tale of "One Day It Rained Blood"
Tribute to Phil Harris and Alice Faye (Larry and John Gassman)
Musical Program with Lee Munsick
Gary Yoggy presents World War II: Radio Reports and Celebrates our Victory

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

FOTR Variety Show with an informal look at 20 years of FOTR Convention including Boogie Woogie Girls & Company E. Casting to be announced

Re-creation of Arsenic and Old Lace

Author's Panel: Participants so far are David Bakish, Gary Yoggy, Gregory Koseluk with Brian Gari, Art Pierce and Connie Billips

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Anthony Tollin leads Pulp to Radio with Lon Clark and Adele Ronson

Jeff Muller leads a sports panel with Gil Stratton, Jr., Win Elliot

Dave Warren Players re-create Mr. Keen

Raymond Edward Johnson presents...

Announcer's panel with Bill Owen, George Ansbro, Ted Mallie, Jackson Beck, Ed Herlihy, Ed Jordan, Fred Foy, others

Re-creation of Nightbeat with Peggy Webber and others.

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Re-creation of My Little Margie with Gale Storm, Paul Masterson, Gil Stratton, Jr. Dick van Patten, Bob Hastings: Followed by a panel of the cast

I Remember Mama with Rosemary Rice and Dick van Patten Awards, raffle, donations, brief guest appearances

Getting There

By Air: Continental Airline is the official air line for our convention. Details on attached sheet. Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport.

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport: then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked FRONTAGE ROAD after toll booth. DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked Frontage Road. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right.

From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked FRONTAGE ROAD. Follow to hotel.

From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to FRONTAGE ROAD.

By Train: Check your local train schedule

Cost

Reserve your spot as soon as possible. Prepaid tickets are held at the door. Take advantage of our early-bird special described on attached sheet.

Wednesday, October 18th; Complimentary wine and cheese from 6 - 10 pm

Thursday, October 19th; Daytime only (9 - 5); \$10

Thursday, October 19th; Daytime and evening including dinner (9 am - closing) \$32.00 (\$29.00*). Choice of London broil, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed fillet of sole. Please indicate choice when you make your reservation.

Friday, October 20th: Daytime only (9 am - 5:30 pm) \$10.00 if paid in advance; \$15.00 at the door.

Friday, October 20th: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) \$43.00 (\$40.00*). Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Saturday, October 21st: Daytime only (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) \$10.00 if paid in advance; \$15.00 at the door.

Saturday, October 21st: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) \$50.00 (\$46.00*). Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Complimentary coffee, muffins and bagels Thursday, Friday and Saturday; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. Hors d'oeuvres for evening guests only

Dealer's Tables are \$40 or more each plus appropriate registration fees. If paid after October 1st, cost will be \$45 or more plus appropriate registration fees. Details on special sheet

Hotel: \$62.00 for a single, \$67.00 for a double. Reserve rooms with me when you send in convention registration. Pay for rooms upon arrival. Rooms should be reserved by October 10th. Give me details such as names, nights, etc.

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. See attached notice.

Registration

Advance dinner reservations must be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson

Mail to Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514. (203) 248-2887; FAX (203) 281-1322

Friends of Old-time Radio Convention

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Updated and Further Information

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and **will** be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. **All those** who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is room. Table reservations **must** be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 20th year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

Full Page – 8 1/2 by 11	\$80	Half Page – 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 or 4 by 11	\$48
Quarter Page – 4 by 5	\$28		

Dealers at our convention may take a 25% discount on the ad. Help support our 20th annual convention.

Wednesday

To All Wednesday Overnight Guests;

I will be arriving at the FOTR Convention Wednesday, October 18th, and with the help of several committee members, will have the dealers' rooms and Dresden Room prepared by late afternoon.

Come and join us for complimentary wine and cheese in the Dresden Room from between 6 and 7 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable and cheese platters. All committee members are also invited.

Thursday

Remember to let me know your choice of food for Thursday night. Also remember, the dealers are open from 9 am. We will have workshops in the afternoon.

Air Lines

Continental Airlines is again the official airline for our convention. We have special group rates which you can use. Call **1-800-468-7022** and give the person that answers a special number. The number is **NW3FTP**. Hours to call Continental are 7:30 am – 8 pm CST (Monday - Friday) and 8 am – 6 pm CST (Saturday and Sunday). Check Continental before you check your own agent.

Registration

For the third year in a row, **Registration cost are the same.** All meal reservations **MUST** be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk and **save \$5.** Preregistration for the day only is **\$10 if mailed in advance** and **\$15 if paid at the door** for both Friday or Saturday. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is **\$10** for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, **add \$5** to the cost.

EARLY BIRD PRICES: There are special prices **IF PAYMENT IS RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 1.** The prices with an asterisk (*) are these prices. Early bird prices are **Thursday (\$29); Friday (\$40); Saturday (\$46).** If you reserve early but do not pay until you arrive, you will pay the higher price. Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, please send a SASE

Food

If you have to eat at a particular time or need special food, please let me know in advance.

Dealers

Cost for dealers will range from \$40 to \$50 per table depending on what room it is in. All details on a special sheet. If a special sheet is not included and you want a dealers table but are not particular as to the room it is in, cost will be \$40 a table if paid before October 1.

Smoking

This is a smoke free convention. Smoking is allowed in the lobby, away from the convention area, or outside. There will be no smoking in the halls. Dealers in the Waterford room can go into the Lounge to smoke. Also, there will be **NO SMOKING near the registration table or dining area.** If you need to smoke, please go in front of the preregistration sign. We appreciate your cooperation.

Panel and Re-creation Participants

Please check tentative program enclosed for discrepancies, additions, correct titles and cast, etc.

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A PERSONAL NOTE: For the first time in 25 years, a reader wrote to me to tell me there was postage due on the last Hello Again. As many of you know, I am very careful about the weight of my mail. In fact for this last issue, it weighed .9 ounce at two different post offices. There was still a leeway of .1 ounce. If anyone ever has to pay postage due, please let me know.

ULTIMATE HISTORY: The Second Supplement is now available for \$5 plus \$1.50 postage and handling. Supplement 1 and 2 are \$13 plus \$1.50 postage and handling. The entire book with the two supplements is \$52 plus \$4 for P & H.

CONVENTION 1994: For sale are 1993 FOTR pens, \$1.00 each; 1994 FOTR magnets, \$1.00 each; 1994 Convention Books, \$2.00 each. Please add 50 cents P & H for the pens and magnets and 75 cents P & H for the booklet.

CONVENTION 1995: The convention flyer is enclosed.

If anyone would like to write on original OTR article for our convention booklet, please send it to me. I will choose one or two articles for inclusion. This will be a bigger convention booklet than usual. The articles must be camera ready.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The **second** annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script which must be based on any of the great radio programs of the past, such as The Shadow, Jack Benny, etc.

The script can have the characters originating in their original era and time or you can update the time to today. The script must have all music and sound cues as well as all the spoken material. Try to arrange it in script form so it doesn't have to be retyped.

The prize for the best script will be \$150 and will have its live performance at our 1996 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. You can direct it if you wish. There will be some rehearsal time. Scripts must be submitted by September 3, 1995. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902. A distinguished panel of old-time radio buffs will pick the winning script. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

The winning script in our first contest was won by Michael Giorgio. It was based on The Whistler and it will be performed at our 20th annual convention on Thursday, October 19, 1995.

Will all clubs with newsletters print the above in order to give everyone a chance?

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Jot 'em Down Journal; June (Lum and Abner Society)... **Radio Recall**, June; article on OTR Aviator Heroes by Jack French... **Remembering the Mills Brothers** is a new publication of a newly formed group called **The Mills Brothers Society**. Its founder and editor is Daniel R. Clemson, Mills Brothers biographer, 605 N. Market St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 (717) 697-4271; FAX (717) 697-4272. Charter membership is \$10 a year. The only surviving Mills Brother is Don Mills. Their newsletter is Remembering the Mills Brothers. There are 2 issues so far... **Filmfax** #49, Mar/Apr has a lengthy article about Great Gildersleeve Movies with Hal Peary. This is a magazine of Unusual film and Television.

For information write Box 1900, Evanston, IL 60204 or get it at your newsstand...**Past Times**, #19; reviews of books and CD's relating to Movies, OTR radio and vintage music; article on the Return of Jolson's "A Plantation Act," a 1926 Vitaphone one-reel short subject, a film that was considered lost until 1992...**The Illustrated Press**, June; articles on Backstage Wife; Cowboys on Radio, part 7; Our Miss Brooks...July; Articles on Florence Freeman; Lone Ranger; The Goat Doctor (John R. Brinkley)...**Tune In**, June; articles on Mysterious Traveler Magazine...**Airwaves**, **Yesterday USA**, May; Information about the activities of Yesterday USA on Satellite G5-Transponder 7 6.8 Wide Band Audio, audio subcarrier of WGN...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, June; article on David Ellis... **RLL on the Air**, April; article on Willard Waterman...**Thrilling Days of Yesteryear**, July-August; articles on Kate Smith; profiles of WOR and WSPA; tag lines...**Daily Sentinel**, Jul - Aug; articles on Jack Smart; from radio to screen, part 4...**Old-time Radio Digest**, May - Jun; articles on Ellery Queen; The Lone Range...**Nostalgia Digest**; Aug - Sep; articles on World News Today; War Stories; Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar; 25th Anniversary party of TWTD...**The OTR Gazette**, Jul - Aug; articles on Norman Corwin, WGN, Ed Wynn...**RadioActive**, July; A lot of information concerning Popular Music and News radio format.

BOOKS: Greenwood Publishing Group has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. About 60 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800...**McFarland & Company**, Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640 (919) 246-4460 has 3 books out: 1. **Eddie Cantor, A Life in Show Business** by Gregory Koseluk, \$39.95. This book is a comprehensive look at the career of the consummate show businessman. The radio portion covers 23 pages of this 448-page book. 2. **Roy Rogers, A Biography** by Robert W. Phillips, \$55. This is the definitive work on Roy Rogers. The lives and careers of Rogers and his wife, Dale Evans are thoroughly covered, particularly their work on radio and television. 3. **Kate Smith, A Biography** by Richard Hayes, \$42.50. Hayes is a frequent attendee at our convention and is one of the leading authorities on Kate Smith. Her radio career is covered in detail as well as Broadway Shows, records, film, etc.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: The Broadcast Pioneers Library and National Public Broadcasting Archives are now located at the Hornbake Library, University of Maryland at College Park, MD. The material is very accessible but they need volunteers...**Roger Hill** mentions there is a **W C Fields Fan Club**, Box 506, Stratford, CT 08084. Cost is \$15...For information on **The Shadow Club** contact Bruce Zalkin, 2658 E Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33612. Cost is \$17.50 a year.

LOGS: **Crime Classics** log is a part of the June issue of SPERDVAC Radiogram...**Jim Stringham**, 220 Denver St., Lansing, MI 48910 just send me a detailed description of, among others, The Ghost Corps and Speed Gibson of the International Secret Police. The detailed descriptions are of the 26 episodes of The Ghost Corps and the 178 episodes of Speed Gibson. If you are interested send me \$2 to cover postage and copying.

Using my **Ultimate History of Network Radio Programming**, I transferred some information to Data. I listed about 380 programs in this list. Included were all the shows with theme music (about 350 shows) except bands. The other 30 shows were other popular shows. The list is sorted in four ways: 1. Alphabetical by shows...2. Chronological by starting date (Month and Day)...3. Chronological by starting year...4. Alphabetical by theme song. The list would be useful if you wanted to know what shows started in a particular year or on a particular date or what show used a particular theme song... Cost is \$5 plus \$1.50 P & H (Total of \$6.50).

INTERNET: I am now on the Internet (JayHick@aol.com).. A question was asked," What program had for its theme '**The Whistler and His Dog?**'" I believe it was the theme of the Our Gang Serials and the radio show, Uncle Walter's Doghouse. Anyone else have an idea?...A free daily OTR Digest is available. If you are on the Internet send an e-mail message to Old.time.radio-request@airwaves.com SUBJECT: SUBSCRIBE.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: A spring flyer was received from **Andy Blatt** (**Vintage Broadcasts**), 42 Bowling Green, Staten Island, NY 10314; 1-800-418-1445. Shows include Hollywood Startime; Movietown Radio Theater; Nightwatch...**Adventures in Cassettes** (80th edition), 5353 Nathan Lane North, Plymouth, MN 5544; Shows include Amos 'n' Andy; Jack Benny; One Man's Family...**John R. Cooper**, Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 has a 4-page supplement ready for trades. He has many rare shows...**Roger Hill**, 2161 Whitman Way #31, San Bruno, CA 94066 (415) 873-8183 is still in the process of opening his Emporium of Vintage Movies, Television and Radio Programs. He would accept nearly anything of a vintage radio/movie/TV nature for consignment, for lease. for rental or for purchase...Received the latest supplement from **Great American Radio (Gary Kramer)**, Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437. It contained some new shows I hadn't seen before (13 Casebook of Gregory Hood, several Yankee Yarns and 5 Snow Village Sketches). Other shows included Mayor of the Town, Dangerously Yours, That's Rich...**Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 is issuing his first catalog in 15 years. Cost is \$15 with a refund of \$10 on first order of \$50. This is for new customers only. Others will continue to receive supplements. Very shortly an ASCII 3 1/2 inch disc will be ready for \$1.00. FAX is (610) 367-8176.

NEW ADDRESSES: Reverend **Raymond Wood**, Box 368, Jamesville, NY 13078.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Hubert Vogt**, 2248 W. Lakeside Dr., Moses Lake, WA 98837 wants the Jack Benny Show where he fires the Sportsmen Quartet...**Paul Wales**, 1711 SW 43 Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608...**David Whitehouse**, 23 Rangers Ave., Mosman, NSW 2088, Australia is looking for copies of The John Charles Thomas Show...**Mitzi McLaughlin**, 6215 Normandy Dr. #4, Saginaw, MI 48603...**Michael Miller**, 306 St. Joseph - Box 825, Colon, MI 49040...**Robert Mayen**, 434 Main St. South, Box 212, Bridgewater, CT 06752...**Tom Fitch**, 2809 Arlington Dr., Springfield, IL 62704...**Evan Lloyd**, 21612 Jensen Springs rd., Los Gatos, CA 95030 is trying to find the final episode of Against the Storm...**Jerry Scheschy**, 4203 N. Morris Blvd., Shorewood, WI 53211 (414) 961-0964 wants to dispose of his collection of 500 7" reel tapes. Each tape has 4 - 6 programs on them. They include all kinds of shows...The Boston Globe mentions the **Inn at Maplewood Farm** in Hillsborough, NH. Every night, over a 100 milliwatt transmitter, old-time radio shows are broadcast by innkeepers, Laura and Jayme Simoes from their collection of 1000 shows. Guests can hear the programs in their rooms or gather around one of the 1930's cathedral Philco radios in the Inn's parlor. For information call (603) 464-4242...**Tom Elmo**, 224 Datura St. Ste 701, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. Tom is production and circulation manager of Radio Ink, Radio's Premier Marketing and Management Magazine.

OLD FRIENDS: **John Woodruff**, 145 Park Ave., Randolph, NJ 07869 is looking for information about and cassette copies of singer, Annette Hanshaw. Any information would be helpful.. **Nat Berman**, 175 Eastern Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11238 has many Hit Parade Shows with Andre Baruch and Bea Wain broadcast in the 1980's. Nat is looking for the Cisco Kid with Jackson Beck other than "The Sister" episode...**Gary Mercer**, 3606 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA 94521 is looking for missing Dragnet, Suspense and Whistler. Has catalog available or can send 5 1/4 IBM Disk (no windows). Phone is 510 682-7850 FAX 510-676-7547...Gary also has 2 Sony TC-353D for sale. One is new and unused (\$175) and the other is used in excellent shape except

head cover is missing (\$150). Both are glass heads, 3 heads. Both are shipped free...**Tom Miller**, 2004 East 6th St., Superior, WI 54880 wants to find out who controls the rights to Arch Oboler's programs. He also wants some help in differentiating the many Light Out programs with the same title which were aired at different times...**Bob Barbagelott**, 2568 Western Ave., B-2, A-21, RD3, Altamont, NY 12009 has hundreds of blank 1200, 1800 and 2400' reel tapes for sale...**Jed Dolnick**, 525 Juniper Ct., West Bend, WI 53095 would like to know the best way to copy reel tapes on to another format such as cassette. What are other people doing with their reels?...**Mike Ogden**, 5429 Grove Valley Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303 wants to know if the Bernard Herrmann Society still exists and the address if it does.

IN FOND MEMORY: Many thanks to Gil Vatter, Bill Wandel and others who send clippings...**Cleo Patra Brown**, Apr 16, 91; Boogie-woogie piano player and radio-show host. She has her own show on CBS in 1935...**Lindsey Nelson**, June 10, 76; One of New York Mets 3 original announcers...**Dallas Townsend, Jr.**, June 1, 76; Wrote and anchored CBS Radio News Roundup for 25 years...**Gale Gordon**, June 30, 89; well-known character actor on radio and television (Gregory Hood; Flash Gordon; Junior Miss; Our Miss Brooks)...**Robert Novak**, June 18, 77; Radio and TV director (March of Time. Kate Smith Hour, Meet the Press)...**Lana Turner**, June 29, 75; Well-known actress; in at least 6 Lux and 2 Suspense.

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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